Price of Vitamin-C

644. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3121 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) when was the price of bulk Vitamin-C fixed by Government under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what is the basis for an increase of Rs. 100/- per kg. in its price after the announcement of DPCO 1987;

(c) whether the Kelkar Committee had recommended for price control of Vitamin-C in its report; and

(d) if so, how the producers have increased the price of Vitamin-C without the announcement of an increase in the price by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Price of Vitamin-C Plain:

M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd. Rs. 240.10/kg 27-3-85

M/s. Jayant Vitamins Rs. 240.10/kg 11-6-85

(b) Increase in cost of production.

(c) and (d) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins, only when used in combinations in formulations, should come under Category II of Price Control. Keeping this recommendations in view, all vitamins as bulk drugs including Vitamin 'C' have been exempted from price control.

Increased Prices of Vitamins

645. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government received the details as required under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 for increase in prices of vitamin bulk drugs;

(b) if so what was the earlier price of each before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;

(c) whether Government have examined the break-up of the price increase; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) To the extent information available is furnished in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Reasons for increase in prices vary from case to case. In general increase is due to increase in the cost of raw material, conversion cost, utilities etc.

Statement

Names of Vitamins	Unit	Price before announcement of DPCO, 1987	Present Price	Name of the Company
1	2	3	4	5
(1) Vitamin A Acetate Dry Powder. (5MIU/gm)	1000 MIU	1297.87	2400	M/s. Roche Products Ltd.
			2600	M/s. Kerala State Drugs Pharma Ltd.